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16 October 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 16 October 1968

The Director was at the National War College. DDCI was in the chair.

ADD/I drew attention to a State telegram indicating that, commencing 6 November, a weekly plane of Czechoslovak refugees will arrive in the United States via New York.

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Godfrey advised that the Cernik delegation is back in Prague and that the top Soviet leadership is proceeding to Prague this morning, most likely to sign the treaty negotiated in Moscow. Rumor has it that the Czechoslovaks were forced to swallow the elimination of a large number of liberal government members and that no concessions were offered the Czechs on removal of troops.

Godfrey pointed out that it now appears the Red Star editorial alluding to Liu Shao-chi did not actually administer him the coup de grace but continued vilifying him without actually changing his status.

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*Godfrey observed that a lengthy cable from General Abrams assessing the military situation proceeds on the premise that NVA units are not receiving replacements, whereas the fact of the matter

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is that our failure recently to detect southbound infiltrators does not necessarily mean that infiltration has ceased. Carver suggested and DDCI concurred that Godfrey might utilize a SAVA/OER memorandum on infiltration prepared yesterday [REDACTED] in order to set the record straight on this matter.

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*D/ONE advised that the Secret version of NIE 11-17 is ready to be put into channels for passage to the NATO milieu. [REDACTED]

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Carver reported that, while the 320th Division is repairing northward, the First NVA seems to have moved south from II to III Corps, which might signify dramatic augmentation of enemy main forces in III Corps.

Maury advised that the Hardy Subcommittee staff was provided material on the Rio Pact countries and that Senator Jackson was given information for his speech on the Soviet concept of the socialist commonwealth and its ramifications for international law.

DD/S&T indicated that press references to a Chinese five megaton nuclear test are without foundation.

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In connection with Thursday's USIB meeting, DDCI noted he will point out that, although the GMAIC paper on [REDACTED] is shoddy,

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a good case nonetheless can be made for it. [redacted] In connection with the Community Information Handling System preliminary plan, he will stress the need for identifying and defining a requirement for CIHS before any significant forward movement is undertaken.

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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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